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CRYSTAL DISPLAY USING SUCH A DEVICE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please preliminarily amend the subject continuation-in-part application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, before line 1 insert the following --

This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. application serial number 09/048,527, filed March 26, 1998, the teachings of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

Applicants believe that additional fees are not required for consideration of the within Preliminary Amendment. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is

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